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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 13, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time of one month to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this document.

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